



## **PLANNING BOARD TOWN OF FREMONT NEW HAMPSHIRE**

### **Notice of Decision**

In accordance with NH RSA 675:6 and 675:7, you are hereby notified that the Fremont Planning Board held Public Hearings on Wednesday January 7, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. in the downstairs Land Use Meeting Room of the Fremont Town Hall and unanimously voted to approve the following as the amended "Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan" Chapter of the Fremont Master Plan as attached.

The full text of this amended will be posted for thirty (30) days at the Fremont Town Hall, Library, Safety complex, and Post office and on file in the offices of the Fremont Selectmen, Planning/Zoning and Town Clerk and can be viewed during regular business hours.

Fremont Planning Board:

Roger Barham, Chairman

John Karcz, Co-chairman

Gene Cordes, Selectman

John Downing

Leon Holmes, Jr.

Salvatore Angelone

Posted: January 8, 2009

## Fremont Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan

On September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2004, the Fremont Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan was adopted by the Board of Selectmen as a stand-alone document and approved by the Planning Board as an official appendix to the Fremont Master Plan. According to RSA 674:2.III.(e), the Planning Board has the authority to include a natural hazards section of the Master Plan. The Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan “documents the physical characteristics, severity, frequency, and extent of any potential natural hazards to the community.” The *Plan* also identifies “elements in the built environment at risk from natural hazards as well as extent of current and future vulnerability that may result from current zoning and development policies”

The Fremont Hazard Mitigation Plan was compiled to assist the Town of Fremont in reducing and mitigating future losses from natural hazard events. The *Plan* was developed by the Rockingham Planning Commission and participants from the Town of Fremont. The Plan identifies natural hazards that threaten the Town, critical facilities and infrastructure; and lists nine (9) action items that could be completed by the town of Fremont to reduce damage for future natural hazard events.

The following *natural* hazards are addressed:

- Flooding
- Wind
- Wildfire
- Ice & Snow Events
- Earthquake

The list of *critical facilities* includes:

- Municipal facilities;
- Communication facilities;
- Fire stations and law enforcement facilities;
- Schools;
- Shelters and staging areas;
- Transportation routes; and
- Fuel Facilities

The list of *areas of concern* include:

- Large open spaces susceptible to wildfire/lightning strikes;
- Known flooding locations;
- Bridges;
- Recreational facilities

The Fremont Hazard Mitigation Plan is considered a work in progress and should be revisited frequently to assess whether the existing and suggested mitigation strategies are successful.

Hazard Mitigation Plans should be updated after any declared natural hazard event or at a minimum every five years

Copies have been distributed to all municipal departments, including schools and the Library, and a copy will remain on file at the Rockingham Planning Commission. A copy of this plan is also on file at the New Hampshire Office of Emergency Management (NHOEM) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). This plan was approved by both agencies prior its adoption at the local level.